

**Floor Statement of Rep. Henry A. Waxman**  
**Safe Climate Caucus**  
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Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of the Safe Climate Caucus to challenge the Republicans on the Energy and Commerce Committee to a debate on climate change.

In the last Congress, the Republicans on our committee voted that climate change is a hoax. They voted 53 times to block any action on climate change. They voted to defund research, to block action by the EPA to control pollution, to prevent energy efficiency measures from going into effect, and to stop the Administration from encouraging developing countries to do their part.

This year, they've gone silent. They refuse to accept the views of our premiere scientific institutions, but they won't justify their inaction. They won't hold hearings and they won't listen to experts.

That's why the members of the Safe Climate Caucus are challenging them to come to the floor and debate us.

We are elected to solve problems – not ignore them. Let's have the debate about how to solve the climate issue.